# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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LAND ACQUISITION
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the total land acquired by the Government and total land lying unutilised out of this during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the total number of households from which such land has been acquired, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to resettle such displaced households;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to convert infertile land into cultivable land?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

(a) to (d): Land and its management falls under the exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the States as provided in Entry No. 18 of List-II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the constitution. The acquisition of land for various projects is done by the concerned State Govts./ UT Administrations. The data regarding total land acquired by the Government and total land lying unutilised out of this and the total number of households from which such land has been acquired is not being maintained at the Central level. However, the Department of Land Resources has formulated a revised National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy (NRRP), 2007, which has been published in the Gazette of India on 31st October, 2007The Policy prescribes the minimum rehabilitation benefits which should be extended to all the displaced families while the State/ UTs & Public Sector undertakings are free to offer more than the benefits prescribed in the Policy.The NRRP-2007 has been sent to the States/UTs for implementation.

(e): With a view to prevent soil erosion, land degradation, maintain balance in various types of land uses and to improve productivity/fertility of degraded agricultural land, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture &Cooperation is implementing various Watershed Development programmes namely; National Watershed Development project for Rained areas (NWDPRA), Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River ( RVP& FPR), Reclamation and Development of Alkali & Acid Soils (RADAS) and Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) across the country. The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing ?Integrated Watershed Management Programme? (IWMP) for development of rainfed/degraded lands in the country.